

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish)
the California Institute for Climate Solutions) R.07-09-008
) (Filed September 20, 2007)
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**MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA HYDROPOWER REFORM
COALITION**

The California Hydropower Reform Coalition (CHRC) respectfully files this motion for party status in this proceeding.

**I.
BASIS FOR PARTY STATUS**

Pursuant to Commission's Rule 1.4(a)(4), CHRC moves to intervene in this proceeding. Formed in 1996, CHRC is an unincorporated association located at 436 14th St Suite 801, Oakland CA 94612. Our purpose is to protect, enhance, and restore California rivers affected by hydropower projects. CHRC consists of twenty-five non-profit membership organizations¹ which have, as their members, approximately 50,000 individual customers of PG&E and SCE. CHRC represents these organizations in rulemaking, ratemaking, and other proceedings that generally affect utility hydropower projects. Such proceedings include: valuation of these

¹ CHRC member organizations are: American Rivers, American Whitewater, California Outdoors, California Trout, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, California Wild Heritage Campaign Center for Sierra Nevada Conservation, Central Sierra Environmental Resources Center, Chico Paddleheads, Foothill Conservancy, Friends of the River, Friends of the Tule River, Kern River Alliance, Kern Valley Community Consensus Council, Kernville Chamber of Commerce, Mono Lake Committee, Natural Heritage Institute, Planning and Conservation League, San Joaquin Paddlers, Save our Streams, Sequoia Paddling Club, Shasta Paddlers, Sierra Nevada Alliance, South Yuba River Citizens League, Trout Unlimited, and Tuolumne River Preservation Trust.

The Steering Committee, which functions as the Governing Board, consists of: American Rivers, American Whitewater, California Outdoors, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, California Trout, Foothill Conservancy, Friends of the River, Natural Heritage Institute, South Yuba River Citizens League, and Trout Unlimited.

generation assets under A.B. 1890 (A.98-05-022 and A.99-09-053), PG&E's bankruptcy proceeding (I.02-04-026), and relicensing proceedings for the individual projects before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.²

The CHRC has direct and substantial interests in this proceeding. The Commission proposes to establish the California Institute for Climate Solutions (CICS), for the purpose of accelerating applied research and development of technologies to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and permit California to better adapt to the impacts of climate change. Proposed Decision, p. 2. This mission may affect the deployment of hydrokinetic and other new technologies to generate power from water flow in rivers, estuaries and the ocean. It may also include other new technologies to facilitate adaptation to significant changes in the hydrology and the other physical and biological resources of California's watersheds.

CHRC moves for party status substantially after the September 20, 2007 commencement of this proceeding, the December 12, 2007 workshop, and the briefing, all of which informed the Proposed Decision. Of course, CHRC accepts the record as it stands. We are grateful to the Commission and the parties for the development of this bold and innovative approach to climate change solutions. Proposed Decision, p. 2. CHRC intervenes to file comments and participate in any further phases of this proceeding.

² CHRC operates pursuant to protocols which, as approved by its member organizations, function as its by-laws as an unincorporated association. These protocols were previously filed with the Commission in I.03-03-015. These protocols provide that:

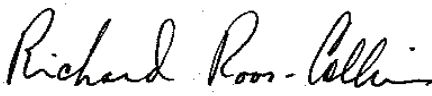
"CHRC will intervene or participate as appropriate on behalf of general members (including the individual members of non-profit organizations) in adjudicatory or other proceedings that generally affect the accomplishment of the CHRC's mission. These include rate or other similar proceedings before the California Public Utilities Commission or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or litigation addressing matters of general applicability in federal or state courts."

II.
CONCLUSION

CHRC respectfully asks that it be granted Party status in this proceeding.

Dated: March 3, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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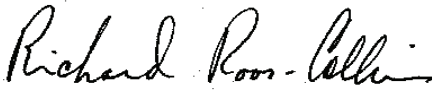
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VERIFICATION
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I am Director of Legal Services for the Natural Heritage Institute, which is CHRC counsel in this proceeding. I am authorized to make this verification on the CHRC's behalf. Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the statements in "**MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA HYDROPOWER REFORM COALITION,**" are true and correct to the best of my own knowledge and belief.

Dated: March 6, 2008

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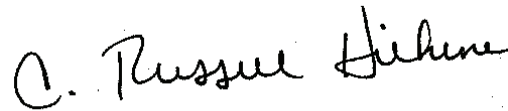
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I certify that I today served the attached “**MOTION FOR PARTY STATUS OF THE CALIFORNIA HYDROPOWER REFORM COALITION**,” via electronic mail or, for any party for which an electronic mail address has not been provided, first-class mail, to all parties of record on the Service List (attached) in this proceeding.

Dated: March 6, 2008

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